

FOSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Captain Isaac Paine School
160 Foster Center Road
Foster, RI 02825

Tuesday, August 27, 2013
Open Session – 7:00pm

1. **Convene Meeting** – Chair, Kathleen Swanson, called the meeting of the Foster School Committee (FSC) to order at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, August 27, 2013.
 - a. *Roll Call* – present were Chair, Kathleen Swanson, Vice Chair, Shelley Pezza, member, Ron Cervasio, Legal Counsel, Greg Piccirilli, Superintendent, Dr. Caroline Caswell, and Secretary, Helena McCullough.
 - b. *Pledge of Allegiance* – was recited.
2. **Public Comment** – none.
3. On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC **voted to go into Executive Session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a) (1) Personnel, Job Performance / Character of an Individual – Interim-Superintendent , Principal (2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation – Educational Support Personnel and Foster Teachers’ Association.** Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

The FSC resumed Open Session at 7:59 pm.

Mrs. Swanson, Chair, reported that Personnel, Job Performance/Character of an Individual Principal and Collective Bargaining and Litigation Educational Support Personnel and Foster Teachers’ Association were discussed and no votes were taken.

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC voted to “seal” the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

Item #8d Personnel – Appointment – Interim-Superintendent, Principal was discussed at this point. Mrs. Swanson, Chair, stated that on August 23, 2013 the FSC voted to appoint Dr. Caroline Caswell as the Foster School Department’s part-time Superintendent. On a motion by Mrs. Swanson and seconded by Ms. Pezza the full FSC voted to appoint Dr. Caroline Caswell as the part-time Superintendent of the Foster for 60 days at a per diem of \$600 per day. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded Mrs. Swanson, the FSC appointed Kristen Danusis as Principal of the Captain Isaac Paine School for two (2) years, the first year at \$99,000 for two-hundred and twenty (220) days pro-rated beginning Sept. 12, 2013.

Motion passed. Vote = 2-0-1.

Vote as follows:

Mrs. Swanson – yes

Ms. Pezza – yes

Mr. Cervasio - abstained

4. **Building Use Requests** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the building use request of the PTG for 9-10-2013 and Girl Scouts from September to June as submitted. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
5. **Approval of Minutes** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Swanson the FSC approved the Minutes of June 28, 2013. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC approved the Executive “sealed” Minutes of June 28, 2013. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Minutes of July 23, 2013. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
On a motion by Mr. Cervasio and seconded by Ms. Pezza, the FSC approved the Executive ‘sealed’ Minutes of July 23, 2013. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
6. **Approval of Warrants** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Warrant dated July 24, 2013 for \$38,848.81. Motion passed.
Vote = 3-0-0.
On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Warrant dated August 5, 2013 for \$52,196.82. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
 - a. *Business Manager’s Report* – Mike Petraca, Business Manager supplied the FSC with his report. He will keep the FSC abreast of his work. Federal reports are complete. He plans to have 2012-2013 budget/accounts completed by the end of September.
7. **Old Business (for discussion/action)**
 - a. *2013-2014 Budget* – this is a standing item.
 - b. *Facilities Update* – Mr. Cervasio inquired as to the status of the letter to the Foster Town Council.
 - c. *Technology Update* – on a motion by Mr. Cervasio and seconded by Ms. Pezza, the FSC approved the Superintendent to purchase necessary technology, ie. Laptop, computers for the Superintendent, new Kindergarten and first grade teachers. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
On-line attendance and robotics were discussed. No votes taken.

8. New Business (for discussion/action)

- a. *Home Schooling Requests* – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC approved the two (2) Home Schooling requests as submitted. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
- b. *FSD Policy #10000 Foster Parent Involvement Policy – Review/Renewal* – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC voted to table this item.
- c. *Interim-Principal MOA* – on a motion by Mrs. Swanson and seconded by Ms. Pezza the FSC voted to continue with the Interim-Principal at \$500 per diem. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
- d. *Personnel – Appointment – Interim-Superintendent, Principal* – this item was discussed earlier on the agenda but Dr. Caswell informed the FSC that Lori Greenleaf, FELT Director. The position will be placed on School Spring. The FSC would like to thank her publically for her service.

9. Communication/Reports

- a. *Correspondence* – none.
- b. *Interim-Principal's Report* – Dr. Bowen reported that there are 52 registered Kindergarten students and total of 286 students enrolled.
- c. *Future Agenda Items* –
Full Day Kindergarten
Parent Involvement Policy

10. **Adjournment** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC adjourned at 8:30 pm. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena McCullough
Secretary Foster School Committee